

The Pocahontas Times.

Beat, Land o' Cakes and brother Scots, Free Maiden to Johnny Goats, If there's a hole in a' your coats, I rede ye tent it; A chiel's amang you takin' notes, An' faith he'll prent it. - Burns

Local Events.

The Mutual Telephone Company of Ronceverte has elected officers, selected its phone, and will build the line from Marlinton to Union in the near future.

COL LEVI GAY brought his cattle home from Rockbridge the other day. He will continue to rent his farm there to be farmed on the shares.

WAGONERS have been delayed on account of high waters in Back Creek and Jacksons River. If Bath had the enterprise of Pocahontas these streams would be bridged at once.

The new preacher for the Huntersville circuit is Mr. Anderson. Rev. B. L. Parrott goes to Linganore. Rev. Eavey is returned to the Green Bank Circuit and Rev. J. H. Dills to The Levels.

Don't shut your eyes to the saying opportunities that greet you on every hand. Among our bargains we will sell you a 12 inch cake of good castile soap for 5c.

L. D. SHARP.

NOTE the advertisement of Huggins and Shackelford in this issue. These gentlemen are in the carriage and harness business in Ronceverte and constitute a thoroughly reliable firm.

JOHN N. ADKISON, of Buckeye, has no more corn to sell at present. Late he inserted advertisement in The Times one time, and the result was numerous orders, most of them directly traceable to it.

BOYD BARTLETT attended the Addison Court. The trial of Ledford Bartlett for shooting was continued until August on account of necessary witnesses from Pocahontas who could not attend, being summoned to their home court.

J. D. PULLINS & Co. propose to meet competition at every point. Witness a varied and elegant line of dry goods, notions and general merchandise. The largest and best assortment of ladies shirt waists in Pocahontas County.

To illustrate how much earlier the season was on his farm on the river than on the mountain, an old gentleman of the county is fond of saying, "Why, the hen eggs down here on the river are as big in March as they are on the mountain in June."

HANNAH & HARPER, of Frost advertise great reductions in price of goods until the 15th of April, - a bargain sale in fact. If you see a thing in The Times its so - most always - and the proprietors of this paper vouch for the truth and genuineness of this offer. Investigate.

CALVIN W. PRICE, of this place, has received from a breeder in Columbus, Ohio, a pair of thoroughbred chickens, Light Brahmas. The roosters of this breed average twelve pounds and the hens ten pounds at maturity. The pair cost at Marlinton \$6.50. To quote Bill Nye they are heavy draft chickens.

OUR popular assessor started to the railroad last week a three horse and mule team to get his books for assessing this year. At Back Creek the ford was deep and he was unfortunate in losing his two leaders in the middle of the stream. At Jacksons River he lost his two wheel horses. He got his team together and made a successful trip.

LATELY several of our correspondents have been indiscreet in their remarks, and we would say to them not to write any thing that they will regret when they are older, wiser, or better informed. We wish we could say that we had followed this rule, even tolerably closely. News letters are made up largely of personalities and they should be pleasant. Try not to hurt any body's feelings. Fire at those who have tough hides.

THE attorneys from a distance attending this court are, Hon. C. P. Jones, S. B. Sieg, and E. H. McClintic, Monterey; John W. Stephenson, and William M. McAllister, Warm Springs; Col. R. S. Turk, Staunton; Henry Gilmore, H. Van Sicker and Fred Wallace, of Lewisburg. The court will probably adjourn by Friday. The first day of Court was a very bad day. The crowd gathered in the hallways of the court house and talked business and politics.

THERE is some talk of an application to start a bar-room at this place. The man proposes that he will enter into a bond with the county court to discontinue his business any time in the year they see fit to rescind the permission to sell intoxicating liquors. We do not believe in the traffic, but we cannot blind our eyes to the fact that the law is violated on a general scale, and the code of ethics among the customers is so adhered to that they will not give evidence against the sellers. For this reason we have grave doubts on the subject. There is much to be said in favor of a well conducted bar-room for this sole reason. The problem is too deep for us to solve. We only know that both are evil greatly to be deplored.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Ligon Marshall, a medical student, has returned from Baltimore. Hon. M. J. Cook, a Republican candidate for Congress, is in town. He hails from Hinton.

Hon. C. P. Jones has recently been made the presiding officer of the board of visitors of the University of Virginia.

Sheriff E. M. Arbogast, of Highland, is in Marlinton. He has recently cleared several thousand dollars handling mountain land in this county.

R. D. Herold, of Kiowa, Kansas, who left this county about twelve years ago, came back to attend to some business matters at our April Court. He is a successful merchant.

T. S. McNeel, of Mill Point, a recent graduate of the University of Virginia law department, has been in Marlinton for several weeks preparing his legal matters for April Court. His friends here will be sorry to learn that he does not intend to locate in his native county, but has in view Clay Court-house. He will go there before the May Court to determine finally whether he will choose that as his field of practice.

Is the Sunday School Degenerating?

Sunday school was begun at the church last Sunday. The prospects are good for interesting and sessions of the same during the summer.

Edward W. Bok, a well-known social scientist, in the Ladies Home Journal writes at length about the Sunday school. He says the movement is degenerating, is half dead, and that the great need is for cultured, magnetic men and women as teachers, especial care being used to fill the responsible office of superintendent. The Advocate, Richmond, prefers to think that the Sunday school is half alive and growing in usefulness; that the officers generally are earnest men, and while confessing imperfection, they do their best.

It is certain that in rural communities, where preaching service is rare, the attendance of Sunday school largely prevents idle visiting and conversation on the Sabbath, - if nothing more. Not so long ago the lesson consisted in teaching children to spell words of three letters from McGuffey's old blue back. Now Sunday school literature is prepared with the most painstaking care along lines of modern Christian thought.

The Dickey in Front.

The Marlinton stores have on exhibition an article of apparel which afforded Charles Dickens infinite delight in ridiculing. It appears under the name of the economical shirt-bosom, but is nothing more nor less than the "dicky" of Dickens' time. The object of this invention is to replace the shirt-bosom when it becomes soiled, and to prolong the life of a shirt four or five weeks between washings. It strikes a deadly blow at the laundryman. When they were in use before an amusing affair occurred at a meeting in western Pocahontas.

A young swell attended preaching on a hot summer day. At the end of the services his sweetheart accepted his company home, but his hated rival, who was bigger and stronger than he, brought him into dispute. He ran up behind him and stripped off his coat and vest and the people saw that he had on no shirt or undershirt, but the starchiest of economical shirt-bosoms was held in place by an ingenious arrangement of twine.

That was about the last appearance of the "dicky" until they turned up again this spring.

A Pocahontas Wildcat.

The largest wildcat ever seen in Pocahontas County was killed on Doughards Creek recently by R. H. Warren and George Dunkel, two noted hunters of Cumberland Valley, Penn. As related by them the cat was from six to eight feet long and fought desperately in the capture, killing two dogs, and had to be shot thirteen times with a 44-60 Winchester before it was dead. The killing of this cat rides the neighborhood of a great nuisance, as it has been known, it is said, to have killed and carried off one-year-old steers. The cat's capture is a thrilling tale about the cat and great long whiskers, just like Captain McCormick's. We do not vouch for the truth of this story, but simply relate it as it was told Captain A. E. Smith by the celebrated hunters, whose well-known reputation for veracity (?) will convince all our readers of the truthfulness of the story.

An Invitations.

THANKS to those who have called since our last invitation through The Times. We have had a rush, which we enjoy. Now, we extend the invitation indefinitely, hoping to have many callers and that our dealings may be agreeable and profitable. We, on our part, promise to do our best to give you good value for the money you spend with us. Come in while at Court. Yours, for bargains in high grade Saddle and Harness goods, THE MARLINTON SADDLE & HARNESS COMPANY. G. F. Crammett, manager.

MAIL CARRIER DROWNED.

Unacquainted With the Dangerous Suck of the Ford Below Mt. Grove. He ventured in and His Feeble Mail-Horse Was Swept Over the Falls Below the Ford.

A tragic story of the drowning of a mail-boy comes from Mt. Grove. Frank Coyner, a youth of twenty, came from Parkersburg to carry the mail on the route between Mt. Grove and Warm Springs, a distance of thirteen miles. He made daily trips leaving Mt. Grove in the morning and returning there in the evening. He crossed two swift, dangerous streams in going and returning, Back Creek and Jacksons River. Back Creek could well be dignified by the name of river as it is nearly as large as Jacksons River.

There had been a heavy rain Monday night, and on Tuesday, March 29th, he left his boarding place with every prospect of high waters to cross. He placed a letter he had written home behind the clock, remarking that if he did not get back the people could write to his father that he had found a watery grave. This was not an unnatural remark under the circumstances.

He made the trip and had got back to the ford on Back Creek, two miles below Mt. Grove, where he was drowned. There were no witnesses of the accident.

Tuesday evening John Landes, who lives near the ford, went there for the express purpose of warning the mail boy that the creek was dangerous, knowing that he was a stranger in the country. He got there a few minutes too late. When he arrived at the ford he saw below it some distance a horse on an island near the shore with its foot hung in the bridle. He waded in and brought it out. He recognized the horse and took it to Mt. Grove, where it was surmised in all probability the mail carrier was drowned. A party went there immediately but no trace of the body could be discovered. Mike O'Farrell who was riding a powerful horse attempted to cross but was obliged to return.

The ford is at the lower end of an eddy, and immediately below the water dashes down a steep declivity forming frightful rapids. When the stream is high the water appears smooth above, but in reality it has a terrible suck. The mail-boy rode a weak horse which was tired from its long journey.

The fate of the boy was known when the party reached John Darnell's house situated about a mile below the ford. His daughter was watching the rising waters and saw the mail-bag float by. She ran to the house with the news and returned in time to see the body of the unfortunate boy. First a hand was thrust high above the surface of the water, and then the knee appeared.

A large party searched the creek for the body and found it Friday. First the overcoat, then a boot, and then a vest were found. The mail-bag was lodged in a drift-heap two miles below the ford. The mail was damaged but the letters were readable. A postal card received by the writer which had been submerged shows little sign of damage. It was nothing like our Lewisburg mail in ordinary wet weather. The first two days the searchers did not go down the stream far enough, but on Friday at a point nearly three miles below the ford they found the body on the rocks on the edge of the stream.

In all probability the boy's foot hung in the stirrup and this would account for the body floating at a considerable distance behind the mail-bag. Also for the fact that the overcoat, coat, vest and boot were stripped off. The stream runs with almost incredible swiftness from the ford to the place the body was found. It is in the gap where Back Creek breaks through the mountain to flow into Jacksons River.

Railroad Flatters.

A change has been made in the plans of the rail road engineers. Instead of starting at the forks of the river and surveying down to Marlinton, the corps, with Captain Bartholomew at the head, will arrive at Marlinton Thursday or Friday and survey from this point to Ronceverte.

B. M. Yeager sent teams from Travelers Rest to Beverly this week for the purpose of bringing in the engineers and these teams will come on to Marlinton.

William Siple, John Yeager and Emory Smith have been engaged to work on the survey. There have been numerous reports printed lately concerning the work being done on the Fredericksburg extension of the Chesapeake & Western. The contractor recently bought 200,000 ties. The object of this road is to reach the coal fields of West Virginia, and will cross Pocahontas from east to west.

Primary Election.

The Executive Committee of the Democratic party met in a full session April 5th. It was decided to hold a primary election June 4th, 1898, and a convention June 10th, 1898, to nominate delegates to district convention. Full call next week.

Roller and burr flour for sale at A. B. McComb's Huntersville. J. W. Beard & Bro.

HUNTERSVILLE.

William Irvine, of Marlinton, was in town Friday on business.

The Sunday School was reorganized here Sunday.

Col D. A. Fisher was on Knapps Creek on business last Saturday. Henry Malcomb, who was taken suddenly ill several days ago, is able to be around again.

George Buzzard, who has been working in the Webster lumber camps, came in Sunday.

Dr. Harry Beard, of Lewisburg, is spending a few days with his parents, Mr and Mrs J. J. Beard.

Considerable rain and snow have fallen lately, and farming has come to a stand still. Mud is plentiful.

Any person desiring to know what became of the man in the hearse who was selling Hite's Pain Killer, can call on A. B. McComb and he will gladly give the desired information.

The case of Lanty McCarty vs Henry Gum was heard before Squire Grose last Saturday. After hearing the evidence and argument of the Justice decided in favor of the defendant. H. M. Lockridge represented the plaintiff and H. S. Rucker the defendant.

Messrs J. Willis Baxter and G. R. Curry, of Academy; L. M. McClintic, W. A. Bratton, S. B. Scott, N. C. McNeil Uriah Bird, A. E. Smith, and Dr. Cunningham, of Marlinton; I. B. Moore, L. W. Herold and D. B. McElwee, of Knapps Creek, and D. T. McNeil, of Buckeye, were welcome visitors at our town last week.

Our esteemed fellow townsman, George W. Ginger, is adding very much to the value and appearance of his property on Main Street. He has been engaged for the last month building a picket fence in front of his residence, and has nearly finished putting in the posts. He is very anxious to complete it this season. O. E. McKeever says the reason the work has not progressed more rapidly is because Mr. Ginger had some trouble in borrowing the necessary tools. Do not be discouraged, George, as you may yet finish your fence before Capt. Apperson completes his job of sawing for John Grogg in Hickory hollow.

Everybody is talking of war.

ALFRED.

A Heartfelt Tribute.

One of the finest meals we have eaten on this side of Philadelphia lately, we took at T. T. Hodges, last Tuesday. Talk about clever people and good liveries, but no people ever lived who can make you feel more at home than you will feel in the (valley of plenty) home of T. T. Hodges. - Calhoun Chronicle.

Verily the editor of the Chronicle chronicles his downings and his uprisings. The writer has often felt like proclaiming the excellence of a friend's cuisine, but we did not for we were not able to convey all we felt. If the editor of the Chronicle were to come to Pocahontas and visit around for a few weeks he would have his hands full for his experience would give him three realistic, luscious, throbbing locals a day.

Notice to Tax-Payers.

Notice is hereby given to all persons who owe back taxes that I shall expect them to settle them in full, at my office in the Court House, at the April Term of Court. These taxes are all past due and the tax year is drawing to a close. I cannot afford to let the taxes of one year run over to be collected in the next.

R. W. HILL, S. P. C.

The Levels News.

Edited by Payne Bros.

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Market, April 7, 1898.

-Eggs 8 1/2 per dozen.
-Butter 16 1/2 per pound.
-Lard 8c per lb.
-Corn 65c per bushel.
-Wheat 90c per bushel.
-Oats 40c per bushel.
-Hams 10c per lb.
-Side Bacon 9c.
-Shoulder 8c.
-Beans \$1 per bushel.
-Beeswax 25c per lb.
-AT PAYNE BROS.
-Sheep Dip at Payne's.
-A. M. Hubbard and Mr Holmes were in town Tuesday night.

-Tar in quarts and 1/2 gal. cans at Payne Bros.
-Nearly all our merchants were at Court on Tuesday.
-Rev. W. E. Miller preached Sunday evening in the Methodist church.

-Chairs, Bedsteads, Dressers, Safes, and Mattresses at Payne's very cheap.
-Payne has a few Overcoats and Winter Suits to close out at cost. Call and see.

-Langman and Martinez Pure Mixed Paints at Payne Bros. The best paint ever offered to the trade.
-Rev. W. T. Price assisted Dr. Sydenstricker in his communion services Sunday in the Presbyterian church.

HILLSBORO.

C. L. Clark is having a well drilled well.

Mr. Vineland, of Texas, was in this community last week.

H. W. McNeel's sheep sale was very well attended last Saturday. Rev. W. E. Miller preached at the M. E. Church Sunday evening.

L. C. Hill, of Frankford, spent a few days with friends and relatives in this county last week.

John McLaughlin, of Marlinton, was a caller in the Levels Sunday.

C. K. Moore, of the Hills, is in our section for a few weeks.

Ligon Marshall is the guest of E. I. Holt.

J. A. Argabrite, of Asbury, was in this section over Sunday and bought a fine Hereford bull from J. S. McNeel.

A. M. Oliver is here again. He comes this way every once and a while.

BUMBLEBEE.

EYE TEST.

Should be Read at 15 Inches.

Subs of weight requiring correction to the usual position of the eyes should be read at 15 inches. If you cannot do so you should wear glasses. In case you have glasses, they should be tested. If they do not give the right vision, you must have them changed. When it is necessary to have your eyes tested, you should go to a specialist. It is a wise step of saving vision, and much happiness. Glasses will be provided by having a vision test.

I have a first-class optician's outfit, such as eye specialists use, and am prepared to examine eyes and adjust glasses in a satisfactory manner.

J. M. CUNNINGHAM, M. D.

C. B. SWECKER,

General Auctioneer

and Real Estate Agent.

Sell Coal, Mineral and Timber Lands. Farms and Town Lots a specialty. 21 years in the business. Correspondence solicited. Reference furnished. Postoffice - Dunmore, W. Va., or Alexander, W. Va.

The Great War.

We have won success by our ability to demonstrate our bargain claims: we guarantee the smallest of our patrons the same courteous attention given the largest.

We are taking great pains in buying our Spring and Summer Stock of Goods...

And all bargains will be shared with our customers.

We keep goods moving by keeping goods that move; we test every value; our prices do the rest. It's not a question of opinion, it's a rock-ribbed fact that our prices can not be successfully cut under. Don't scatter your dollars unwisely; concentrate them here and save more of them.

It is shrewd and well directed effort that makes our bargains unusual. Our PRICES PUZZLE COMPETITORS AND DELIGHT PURCHASERS.

Thanking you for your past patronage, we remain Yours respectfully,

L. D. Sharp.
Linwood W. Va.

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have to be fed. Give them rich, pure blood and they glow with health; give them poor blood and they do not recuperate—exercise does not refresh you. If you are worn out, nervous or feeble, there is one thing that will aid you—pure, rich blood. There is but one way to gain it—

Johnstone's Sarsaparilla

QUART BOTTLES.

For thirty years it has stood at the head; THE remedy for poor blood. Quart bottles, \$1.00 a bottle. Begin this day to give your muscles good food.

WILLIAMS, DAVIS, BROOKS & CO., Detroit, Mich.

Try Liverettes the Famous Little Liver Pills. 25c.

For sale by—
URIAH BIRD, Marlinton, W. Va.; and A. BARLOW, Huntersville

Attention, FARMERS.



We will be at Court this week with a full line of

Farming Implements,

and be prepared to give you unhears of bargains in Hay Rakes, (of any pattern), Wagons, Cultivators, Section Grinders, and the celebrated McCormick BINDERS, New Vertical Mowers, in fact everything to make you happy.

J. W. Beard & Bro.

Great Bargain Sale!

Store Goods - - at Frost, W. Va.

To Cash Buyers

From this Date to April 15th, 1898.

We do not ask you to buy our goods at auction. But come to our store with your cash, where you can examine what you buy, and we will insure you great bargains. We must have money to buy our Spring and Summer stock.

Yours for Fair Dealing,

Hannah & Harper.

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We have at last succeeded in making arrangements to supply points for the RONCEVERTE PLOW. Full stock now on hand. Send in our orders early.

We are Factory Agents

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SILVER STEEL

Plows.

(The Best Hill-

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